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Appln. No. : 09/977,705

Examiner:

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For : ASTIGMATIC-POWER SPECTACLE LENS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,  
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

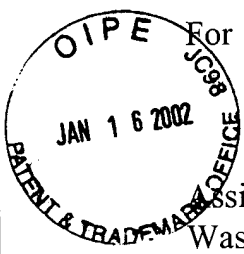
International Patent Application No. WO 99/23526, which was published on May 14,  
1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,767,939 to KOMATSU et al., which issued on June 16, 1998; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,012,813 to QI, which issued on January 11, 2000.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and  
cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been  
listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is  
requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a  
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application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/977,233 to SHIRAYANAGI, entitled "Aspherical Spectacle Lens and Processing Method Thereof", which was filed on October 16, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/977,703 to SHIRAYANAGI, entitled "Aspherical Spectacle Lens", which was filed on October 16, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5	7	6	7	9	3	9	06/16/98	KOMATSU et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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